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To establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area,
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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “Abraham Lincoln National
5 Heritage Area Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Heritage Area is a cohesive assemblage
9 of natural, historic, cultural, or recreational re-
10 sources that—

1 (A) together represent distinctive aspects
2 of American heritage worthy of recognition,
3 conservation, interpretation, and continuing
4 use; and

5 (B) are best managed through partner-
6 ships between private and public entities.

7 (2) The Heritage Area reflects traditions, cus-
8 toms, beliefs, or folklife, or some combination there-
9 of, that are a valuable part of the heritage of the
10 United States.

11 (3) The Heritage Area provides outstanding op-
12 portunities to conserve natural, cultural, or historic
13 features, or a combination thereof.

14 (4) The Heritage Area provides outstanding
15 recreational and interpretive opportunities.

16 (5) The Heritage Area has an identifiable
17 theme and resources important to the theme retain
18 integrity capable of supporting interpretation.

19 (6) Residents, nonprofit organizations, other
20 private entities, and units of government throughout
21 the Heritage Area demonstrate support for designa-
22 tion of the Heritage Area as a national heritage area
23 and for management of the Heritage Area as appro-
24 priate for such designation.

1 (7) As our Nation enters the 21st Century,
2 there is a compelling need to educate and cultivate
3 among our citizens, particularly youth, an under-
4 standing appreciation for, and a renewed commit-
5 ment to integrity, courage, self-initiative, and prin-
6 cipated leadership in public and private life.

7 (8) Few individuals in our Nation's history have
8 as broadly exemplified such qualities as Abraham
9 Lincoln, and few have so profoundly influenced
10 United States history and the Character of our Na-
11 tion as has our 16th president.

12 (9) The story and example of Lincoln's life-his
13 inspiring rise from humble origins to the highest of-
14 fice in the land, and his decisive leadership through
15 the most harrowing and dangerous time in our Na-
16 tion's history, continues to bring hope and inspira-
17 tion to millions in our country and around the world.

18 (10) The great issues of Lincoln's time, na-
19 tional unity, equality and race relations, the capacity
20 for democratic government and ideals to address
21 these and related issues, continue to this day to de-
22 fine the challenges facing our Nation. The ideals
23 Lincoln espoused and the sentiments he expressed in
24 keeping our Nation together are as relevant today as
25 they were in his troubled time.

1 (11) Illinois is known throughout the world as
 2 the land of Abraham Lincoln. Unquestionably, the
 3 physical, social, and cultural landscape of Illinois
 4 helped mold Lincoln’s character. “Here I have lived
 5 a quarter of a century, and have passed from a
 6 young to an old man,” Lincoln remarked on leaving.
 7 “To this place and the kindness of these people I
 8 owe everything”.

9 (12) Lincoln, in turn, left his own traces across
 10 the Illinois landscape. They remain today in the
 11 form of stories, folklore, artifacts, buildings,
 12 streetscapes, and landscapes. Though scattered geo-
 13 graphically and in varying states of development and
 14 interpretation, together they bring an immediacy
 15 and tangible quality to the powerful Lincoln legacy.
 16 Individually and collectively, they constitute an im-
 17 portant national cultural and historic resource.

18 (13) In particular the stories and cultural re-
 19 sources of the region’s Lincoln legacy—

20 (A) reflect the values and attitudes, the ob-
 21 stacles and ingenuity, the failures and accom-
 22 plishments, the human frailties and strength of
 23 character of the men and women who made up
 24 the diverse people of Lincoln’s generation of
 25 Americans, including upland Southerners and

1 Northeastern Yankees, Anglo-settlers and
 2 American Indians, “free” blacks, abolitionists,
 3 and their critics;

4 (B) reflect the material culture and rel-
 5 ative levels of technical sophistication in the
 6 United States in Lincoln’s time;

7 (C) recreate the physical environment, re-
 8 vealing its impact on agriculture, transpor-
 9 tation, trade, business, and social and cultural
 10 patterns in urban and rural settings; and

11 (D) interpret the effect of the era’s demo-
 12 cratic ethos on the development of our Nation’s
 13 legal and political institutions and distinctive
 14 political culture.

15 (14) Three previous studies—“Abraham Lin-
 16 coln Research and Interpretive Center Suitability/
 17 Feasibility Study” by the National Park Service
 18 (1991), “Looking for Lincoln Illinois Heritage Tour-
 19 ism Project” commissioned by the State of Illinois
 20 Department of Commerce and Community Affairs in
 21 cooperation with the Illinois Historic Preservation
 22 Agency (1998), and the “Feasibility Study for the
 23 Proposed Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area”
 24 revised in 2003, help document a sufficient assem-
 25 blage of nationally distinctive historical resources to

1 demonstrate the feasibility and need to establish the
2 Heritage Area.

3 (15) The National Park Service operates and
4 maintains the Lincoln Home National Historic Site
5 in Springfield, Illinois, and is responsible for advo-
6 cating the protection and interpretation of the Na-
7 tion's cultural and historic resources and encour-
8 aging the development of interpretive context for
9 these resources through appropriate planning and
10 preservation.

11 (16) The Heritage Area can strengthen, com-
12 plement, and support the Lincoln Home National
13 Historic Site through the interpretation and con-
14 servation of the associated living landscapes outside
15 of the boundaries of this historic site.

16 (17) There is a Federal interest in supporting
17 the development of a regional framework and con-
18 text to partner with and assist the National Park
19 Service, the State of Illinois, local organizations and
20 governments, and private citizens to conserve, pro-
21 tect, and bring recognition to the resources of the
22 Heritage Area for the educational and recreational
23 benefit of this and future generations.

24 (18) Communities throughout this region know
25 the value of their Lincoln legacy, but need to expand

1 upon an existing cooperative framework and tech-
2 nical assistance to achieve important goals by work-
3 ing together.

4 (19) The State of Illinois, Department of Com-
5 merce and Economic Opportunity, and Bureau of
6 Tourism officially designated “Looking for Lincoln”
7 as a State Heritage Tourism Area and has identified
8 the story of Lincoln as a key destination driver for
9 the State.

10 (20) Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition,
11 the management entity for the Heritage Area, is a
12 non-profit corporation created for the purposes of
13 preserving, interpreting, developing, promoting, and
14 making available to the public the story and re-
15 sources related to the story of Abraham Lincoln’s
16 adult life in Illinois and contributions to society and
17 would be an appropriate entity to oversee the devel-
18 opment of the Heritage Area.

19 (21) Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition
20 has completed a business plan that—

21 (A) describes in detail the role, operation,
22 financing, and functions of Looking For Lin-
23 coln Heritage Coalition, as the management en-
24 tity; and

1 (B) provides adequate assurances that
2 Looking For Lincoln Heritage Coalition is like-
3 ly to have the financial resources necessary to
4 implement the management plan for the Herit-
5 age Area, including resources to meet matching
6 requirement for grants.

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

8 For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions
9 apply:

10 (1) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The term “man-
11 agement entity” means, Looking for Lincoln Herit-
12 age Coalition, an entity recognized by the Secretary,
13 in consultation with the chief executive officer of the
14 State of Illinois, that agrees to perform the duties
15 of a local coordinating entity under this Act.

16 (2) HERITAGE AREA.—The term “Heritage
17 Area” means the Abraham Lincoln National Herit-
18 age Area established by section 4.

19 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of the Interior.

21 (4) UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term
22 “unit of local government” means the government of
23 a State, a political subdivision of a State, or an In-
24 dian tribe.

1 **SEC. 4. ABRAHAM LINCOLN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
3 State of Illinois the “Abraham Lincoln National Heritage
4 Area”.

5 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall include
6 the following:

7 (1) A core area located in Central Illinois, con-
8 sisting of Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Cham-
9 paign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Dewitt,
10 Douglas, Edgar, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Hancock,
11 Henderson, Jersey, Knox, LaSalle, Logan, McLean,
12 McDonough, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Mason,
13 Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Peoria,
14 Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby,
15 Tazwell, Vermillion, Warren and Woodford Counties.

16 (2) The following sites:

17 (A) Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

18 (B) Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site.

19 (C) Lincoln’s New Salem State Historic
20 Site.

21 (D) Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
22 & Museum.

23 (E) Thomas and Sara Bush Lincoln Log
24 Cabin and Living History Farm State Historic
25 Site.

1 (F) Mt. Pulaski, Postville State Historic
2 Sites and Metamora Courthouse.

3 (G) Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices State
4 Historic Site.

5 (H) David Davis Mansion State Historic
6 Site.

7 (I) Vandalia Statehouse State Historic
8 Site.

9 (J) Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum.

10 (K) Macon County Log Court House.

11 (L) Richard J. Oglesby Mansion.

12 (M) Lincoln Trail Homestead State Memo-
13 rial.

14 (N) Governor John Wood Mansion.

15 (O) Beardstown Courthouse.

16 (P) Old Main at Knox College.

17 (Q) Carl Sandburg Home State Historic
18 Site.

19 (R) Bryant Cottage State Historic Site.

20 (S) Dr. William Fithian Home.

21 (T) Vermillion County Museum.

22 (3) Sites, buildings, and districts within the
23 core area recommended in the management plan.

24 (c) MAP.—A map of the Heritage Area shall be in-
25 cluded in the management plan. The map shall be on file

1 in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service,
2 Department of the Interior.

3 (d) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The management entity
4 for the Heritage Area shall be Looking for Lincoln Herit-
5 age Coalition.

6 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITIES, DUTIES, AND PROHIBITIONS OF THE**
7 **MANAGEMENT ENTITY.**

8 (a) AUTHORITIES.—The management entity may, for
9 purposes of preparing and implementing the management
10 plan, use funds made available under this Act to—

11 (1) prepare a management plan for the Herit-
12 age Area, which shall be complete not later than 3
13 years after funds are first made available for this
14 Act;

15 (2) prepare reports, studies, interpretive exhib-
16 its and programs, historic preservation projects, and
17 other activities recommended in the management
18 plan for the Heritage Area;

19 (3) pay for operational expenses of the manage-
20 ment entity incurred within the first 10 fiscal years
21 beginning after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act;

23 (4) make grants or loans to the State of Illinois
24 and its political subdivisions, nonprofit organiza-
25 tions, and other persons;

1 (5) enter into cooperative agreements with the
2 State of Illinois, its political subdivisions, nonprofit
3 organizations, and other organizations;

4 (6) hire and compensate staff;

5 (7) obtain money from any source under any
6 program or law requiring the recipient of such
7 money to make a contribution in order to receive
8 such money; and

9 (8) contract for goods and services.

10 (b) DUTIES.—In addition to developing the manage-
11 ment plan, the management entity shall—

12 (1) give priority to the implementation of ac-
13 tions, goals, and strategies set forth in the manage-
14 ment plan, including assisting units of government
15 and other persons in—

16 (A) carrying out the programs that recog-
17 nize and protect important resource values in
18 the Heritage Area;

19 (B) encouraging economic viability in the
20 Heritage Area in accordance with the goals of
21 the management plan;

22 (C) establishing and maintaining interpre-
23 tive exhibits in the Heritage Area;

1 (D) developing heritage-based recreational
2 and educational opportunities for residents and
3 visitors in the Heritage Area;

4 (E) increasing public awareness of and ap-
5 preciation for the cultural, historical, and nat-
6 ural resources of the Heritage Area;

7 (F) restoring historic buildings that are
8 both—

9 (i) located in the Heritage Area; and

10 (ii) related to the themes of the Herit-
11 age Area; and

12 (G) installing throughout the Heritage
13 Area clear, consistent, and appropriate signs
14 identifying public access points and sites of in-
15 terest;

16 (2) prepare and implement the management
17 plan while considering the interests of diverse units
18 of government, businesses, private property owners,
19 and nonprofit groups within the Heritage Area;

20 (3) conduct public meetings at least quarterly
21 regarding the development and implementation of
22 the management plan; and

23 (4) for any fiscal year for which Federal funds
24 are received under this Act—

1 (A) submit to the Secretary a report that
2 describes, for that fiscal year—

3 (i) the accomplishments of the man-
4 agement entity;

5 (ii) the expenses and income of the
6 management entity; and

7 (iii) each entity to which a grant was
8 made;

9 (B) make available for audit by Congress,
10 the Secretary, and appropriate units of govern-
11 ment, all records pertaining to the expenditure
12 of the funds and any matching funds; and

13 (C) require, for all agreements authorizing
14 expenditure of Federal funds by any entity,
15 that the receiving entity make available for
16 audit all records pertaining to the expenditure
17 of the funds.

18 (c) PROHIBITION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL PROP-
19 erty.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The management entity
21 shall not use Federal funds received under this Act
22 to acquire real property or any interest in real prop-
23 erty.

24 (2) OTHER SOURCES.—Nothing in this Act pre-
25 cludes the management entity from using Federal

1 funds from other sources for authorized purposes in-
2 cluding acquisition of real property or any interest
3 in real property.

4 **SEC. 6. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—In preparing the management
6 plan, the management entity shall perform the following
7 duties:

8 (1) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Prepare and submit
9 to the Secretary a management plan reviewed by
10 participating units of government within the bound-
11 aries of the Heritage Area.

12 (2) COLLABORATION.—Collaborate with and
13 consider the interests of diverse units of government,
14 businesses, tourism officials, private property own-
15 ers, and nonprofit groups within the the Heritage
16 Area in developing and implementing the manage-
17 ment plan.

18 (3) PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT.—Ensure regular
19 public involvement, including public meetings at
20 least annually, regarding the implementation of the
21 management plan for the Heritage Area.

22 (4) RECORDS FOR AUDITS.—Make available to
23 the Secretary for audit, for any year in which Fed-
24 eral funds have been received under this Act, all
25 records pertaining to the expenditure of such funds

1 and any matching funds, and require, for all agree-
2 ments authorizing expenditure of Federal funds by
3 other organizations, that the receiving organizations
4 make available to the Secretary for audit all records
5 pertaining to the expenditure of such funds.

6 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The management plan for
7 the Heritage Area shall—

8 (1) present a comprehensive program for the
9 conservation, interpretation, funding, management,
10 and development of the Heritage Area and of the
11 historical, cultural, and natural resources and the
12 recreational and educational opportunities of the
13 Heritage Area, in a manner consistent with the ex-
14 isting local, State, and Federal land use laws and
15 compatible economic viability of the Heritage Area;

16 (2) be prepared and implemented in a manner
17 that involves residents, public agencies, and private
18 organizations working in the Heritage Area;

19 (3) specify and coordinate, as of the date of the
20 management plan, existing and potential sources of
21 technical and financial assistance under this and
22 other Federal laws to protect, manage, and develop
23 the Heritage Area; and

24 (4) include—

1 (A) actions to be undertaken by units of
2 government and private organizations to pro-
3 tect, conserve, and interpret the resources of
4 the Heritage Area;

5 (B) an inventory of the resources con-
6 tained in the Heritage Area, including a list of
7 any property in the Heritage Area that is re-
8 lated to the themes of the Heritage Area and
9 that is found to merit preservation, restoration,
10 management, development, or maintenance be-
11 cause of its natural, cultural, historical, or rec-
12 reational significance;

13 (C) policies for resource management with
14 appropriate land and water management tech-
15 niques, including the development of intergov-
16 ernmental cooperative agreements, private sec-
17 tor agreements, or any combination thereof, to
18 protect the historical, cultural, recreational, and
19 natural resources of the Heritage Area in a
20 manner consistent with supporting appropriate
21 and compatible economic viability;

22 (D) a program for implementation of the
23 management plan by the designated manage-
24 ment entity, in cooperation with its partners
25 and units of government;

1 (E) evidence that relevant State, county,
2 and local plans applicable to the Heritage Area
3 have been taken into consideration;

4 (F) an analysis of ways in which local,
5 State, and Federal programs may best be co-
6 ordinated to promote the purposes of this Act;
7 and

8 (G) a business plan that—

9 (i) describes in detail the role, oper-
10 ation, financing, and functions of the local
11 coordinating entity and of each activity in-
12 cluded in the recommendations contained
13 in the management plan; and

14 (ii) provides, to the satisfaction of the
15 Secretary, adequate assurances that the
16 management entity is likely to have the fi-
17 nancial resources necessary to implement
18 the management plan, including resources
19 to meet matching requirement for grants
20 awarded under this Act.

21 (c) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The management entity shall
22 place a notice of each of its public meetings in a newspaper
23 of general circulation in the Heritage Area and shall make
24 the minutes of the meeting available to the public.

1 (d) DISQUALIFICATION FROM FUNDING.—If a pro-
2 posed management plan is not submitted to the Secretary
3 within 3 years the funds are first made available for this
4 Act, the management entity shall be ineligible to receive
5 additional funding under this Act until the date on which
6 the Secretary receives the proposed management plan.

7 (e) APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT
8 PLAN.—The Secretary , in consultation with the Governor
9 of the State of Illinois or his appointed agency representa-
10 tive, shall approve or disapprove the proposed manage-
11 ment plan submitted under this Act not later than 90 days
12 after receiving the proposed management plan.

13 (f) ACTION FOLLOWING DISAPPROVAL.—If the Sec-
14 retary disapproves a proposed management plan, the Sec-
15 retary shall advise the management entity, in writing, of
16 the reasons for the disapproval and make recommenda-
17 tions for revisions to the proposed management plan. The
18 Secretary shall approve or disapprove a revised proposed
19 management plan not later than 90 days after it is sub-
20 mitted.

21 (g) APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS.—The Secretary
22 shall review and approve or disapprove substantial amend-
23 ments to the management plan. Funds appropriated under
24 this Act may not be expended to implement any changes

1 made by an amendment to the management plan until the
 2 Secretary approves the amendment.

3 **SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; OTHER**
 4 **FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

5 (a) TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—On the request of the man-
 7 agement entity, the Secretary may provide technical
 8 and financial assistance for the development and im-
 9 plementation of the management plan.

10 (2) PRIORITY FOR ASSISTANCE.—In providing
 11 assistance under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
 12 give priority to actions that assist in—

13 (A) conserving the significant cultural, his-
 14 toric, and natural resources of the Heritage
 15 Area; and

16 (B) providing educational, interpretive, and
 17 recreational opportunities consistent with the
 18 purposes of the Heritage Area.

19 (3) SPENDING FOR NON-FEDERAL PROPERTY.—
 20 The management entity may expend Federal funds
 21 made available under this Act on non-Federally
 22 owned property that is—

23 (A) identified in the management plan; or

24 (B) listed or eligible for listing on the Na-
 25 tional Register of Historic Places.

1 (4) OTHER ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
2 enter into cooperative agreements with public and
3 private organizations to carry out this subsection.

4 (b) OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Any Federal enti-
5 ty conducting or supporting an activity that directly af-
6 fects the Heritage Area shall—

7 (1) consider the potential effect of the activity
8 on the purposes of the Heritage Area and the man-
9 agement plan;

10 (2) consult with the management entity regard-
11 ing the activity; and

12 (3) to the maximum extent practicable, conduct
13 or support the activity to avoid adverse effects on
14 the Heritage Area.

15 (c) OTHER ASSISTANCE NOT AFFECTED.—This Act
16 does not affect the authority of any Federal official to pro-
17 vide technical or financial assistance under any other law.

18 (d) NOTIFICATION OF OTHER FEDERAL ACTIVI-
19 TIES.—The head of each Federal agency shall provide to
20 the Secretary and the management entity for the Heritage
21 Area, to the extent practicable, advance notice of all activi-
22 ties which may have an impact on the Heritage Area.

23 **SEC. 8. PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act shall be con-
25 strued to—

1 (1) require any private property owner to allow
 2 public access (including Federal, State, or local gov-
 3 ernment access) to such private property; or

4 (2) modify any provision of Federal, State, or
 5 local law with regard to public access to or use of
 6 private property.

7 (b) LIABILITY.—Designation of the Heritage Area
 8 shall not be considered to create any liability, or to have
 9 any effect on any liability under any other law, of any pri-
 10 vate property owner with respect to any persons injured
 11 on such private property.

12 (c) RECOGNITION OF AUTHORITY TO CONTROL LAND
 13 USE.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to modify
 14 any authority of Federal, State, or local governments to
 15 regulate land use.

16 (d) PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS
 17 IN HERITAGE AREA.—Nothing in this Act shall be con-
 18 strued to require the owner of any private property located
 19 within the boundaries of the Heritage Area to participate
 20 in or be associated with the Heritage Area.

21 (e) LAND USE REGULATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The management entity
 23 shall provide assistance and encouragement to State
 24 and local governments, private organizations, and

1 persons to protect and promote the resources and
 2 values of the Heritage Area.

3 (2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this Act shall grant
 4 any power of zoning or land use to the management
 5 entity.

6 (f) PRIVATE PROPERTY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The management entity
 8 shall be an advocate for land management practices
 9 consistent with the purposes of the Heritage Area.

10 (2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this Act—

11 (A) abridges the rights of any person with
 12 regard to private property;

13 (B) affects the authority of the State or
 14 local government regarding private property; or

15 (C) imposes any additional burden on any
 16 property owner.

17 **SEC. 9. SAVINGS PROVISIONS.**

18 (a) RULES, REGULATIONS, STANDARDS, AND PER-
 19 MIT PROCESSES.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed
 20 to impose any environmental, occupational, safety, or
 21 other rule, regulation, standard, or permit process in the
 22 National Heritage Area that is different from those that
 23 would be applicable if the national heritage area had not
 24 been established.

1 (b) WATER AND WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this
 2 Act shall be construed to authorize or imply the reserva-
 3 tion or appropriation of water or water rights.

4 (c) NO DIMINISHMENT OF STATE AUTHORITY.—
 5 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish the au-
 6 thority of the State containing the National Heritage Area
 7 to manage fish and wildlife, including the regulation of
 8 fishing and hunting within the national heritage area.

9 (d) EXISTING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS.—Noth-
 10 ing in this Act shall affect any national heritage area so
 11 designated before the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
 14 priated to carry out this Act \$10,000,000, of which not
 15 more than \$1,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for
 16 any fiscal year.

17 (b) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—The Federal
 18 share of the total cost of any activity assisted under this
 19 Act shall be not more than 50 percent.

20 **SEC. 11. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**

21 The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance
 22 under this Act terminates on the date that is 15 years
 23 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

